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SUBJECT: ORAN BEACH HOUSE

REF: STATE 26096#

1. REFTEL INDICATES NAVY WILL NOT CONTINUE TO PAY RENT FOR ORAN BEACH HOUSE BEYOND DECEMBER WHEN CURRENT ANNUAL RENT EXPIRES.

2. EMBASSY AND ORAN BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT WE SHOULD PICK UP RENT ON BEACH HOUSE AFTER JANUARY 1, 1977.

A. IT ENABLES THE CONSULATE'S OFFICERS TO TRAVEL BACK AND FORTH PAST MERS-EL-KEBIR AND THUS OBSERVE ALGERIAN AND SOVIET BLOC MILITARY ACTIVITY THERE.

B. IT PERMITS ALGERIANS WHO WILL NOT COME TO THE CONSULATE RESIDENCE TO ACCEPT INVIATIONS FROM THE CONSULS.

C. IT PERMITS THE TWO OFFICERS AT ORAN TO GET AWAY FROM THE NOISY, DEMANDING ENVIRONMENT OF THE CONSULATE-RESIDENCE AND GET A FEW HOURS OF NEEDED PEACE AND QUIET. LIVING AND WORKING IN THE SAME BUILDING MEANS THAT THE TWO OFFICERS AT ORAN ARE CONSTANTLY ON CALL. IT IS THUS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE A REAL TWO-DAY WEEKEND, AS THERE ARE ALMOST ALWAYS VISITORS, ESPECIALLY ON THURSDAY MORNING, WHO WILL RING THE RESIDENCE DOOR IF THERE IS NO ANSWER IN THE OFFICE. THE CONSULATE HAS ON
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ANOTHER, A HEAVILY TRAVELED BOULEVARD. THE COMBINATION OF CHILDREN'S CONSTANT SHOUTING AND TRAFFIC MAKES IT EXTREMELY NOISY. THERE ARE DAYS ON WEEKENDS WHEN LIFE AT THE CONSULATE IS A CONSTANT PROCESSION OF WEDDING PARTIES BLOWING THEIR CAR HORNS, THUS MAKING IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO REMAIN AT THE RESIDENCE.

D. THE RENT FOR THE BEACH HOUSE, NOW 4,800 DA ($1,46.75) A YEAR MAKES IT A BARGAIN, ESPECIALLY AT ALGERIAN RENTAL COSTS.

3. DURING RECENT INSPECTION, INSPECTORS CONCURRED WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT WE KEEP BEACH HOUSE.

4. IF ORAN IS TO KEEP THE BEACH HOUSE, 1,200 DINARS ($311.69) IS ALSO NEEDED AS ONE-TIME SECURITY DEPOSIT REQUIRED BY WILAYA; THEORETICALLY THIS AMOUNT IS REIMBURSABLE AT END OF RENTAL AGREEMENT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE INCREASE ALGIERS ALLOTMENT BY $1,558.44 TO COVER BEACH HOUSE. THIS REPRESENTS $1,246.75 FOR ANNUAL JANUARY -DECEMBER RENT AND $311.69 FOR ONE-TIME REIMBURSABLE SECURITY DEPOSIT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: NAVY OWES CONSULATE 1,200 ($311.69) FOR RETROACTIVE RENT INCREASE. IN MAY 1976 RENT WAS INCREASED BY 150 DINARS PER MONTH. SINCE RENT HAD BEEN PAID IN ADVANCE FOR ENTIRE YEAR, THERE WAS SUPPLEMENT TO PAY OF 1,200 DINARS. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REFERENCE CABLE THAT NAVY AGREEABLE TO THIS. CHECK FOR $311.69 SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE EITHER TO ALGIERS DCM STEPHEN LYNE OR AMCONSUL ORAN LAMBERT HEYNIGER.PARKER

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